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BROWNFIELDS GRANTS 2005

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What *is* a Brownfield?

A Brownfield is **any property**, not just an industrial complex, in either rural or urban areas, where expansion, redevelopment or reuse is complicated by the presence or perceived presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant. Common examples of sites include:

- “Relatively low-risk” petroleum sites
- Illegal drug labs
- Municipal dumps
- Old dry cleaners
- Old mill sites
- Mine-scarred lands
- Properties with leaking underground storage tanks (LUST's)

Who can receive a Brownfields grant?

Past recipients of Brownfields funding include tribes, non-profit organizations, local governments, development agencies, states and coalitions.* Fifty percent of last year's Brownfields grants in Region 10 went to rural communities. About half of the 2004 grants in the region went to communities with fewer than 20,000 people. St. Paul, Alaska, with a population of 532, was the smallest community. Seattle, Washington, with a metro population of 1,700,000, was the largest community.

**See the reverse side of this sheet for more details.*

What kinds of grants are available this fall?

There are four types of competitive Brownfields grants:

- Assessment Grants
- Cleanup Grants
- Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund Grants
- Job Training Grants.

What does it take to get a grant?

For information on eligible entities, eligible costs and cost-share requirements, our grant guidelines can be viewed and downloaded at: www.epa.gov/brownfields. Hard copies can be requested by calling the EPA Region 10 Brownfields Team at 1-800-424-4EPA (4372).

How can I get help?

The EPA Region 10 Brownfields Team provides communities in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington with grant and direct technical assistance. In addition to grant programs, we can help identify other public and private resources that can assist with Brownfields reuse. We also offer a range of other programs that may be more appropriate for your community. For competitive grants, we encourage you to review the guidelines and invite you to participate in one of the grant training opportunities that we are holding region-wide this fall.

Contacts

To learn more about training events or to discuss specific questions about your project, contact us directly or visit our website: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/cleanup.nsf/brownfields/brownfields>.

Call us at 1-800-424-4EPA or contact a team member directly:

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Eligible Applicants for Brownfields Grants

Most units of government are eligible to apply for all Brownfields grants; in addition, certain non-profits may apply for Brownfields Direct Cleanup Grants. Private entities and individuals are not eligible to receive grants from EPA (although they may apply for loans from revolving loan funds capitalized by EPA). The entities eligible to apply for EPA Brownfields grants include:

- State, county, city and other local governments;
- Indian Tribes other than in Alaska;
- Alaskan Native regional corporations, Alaskan Native village corporations, and the Metlakatla Indian Community;
- Government entities created by a state legislature;
- Redevelopment agencies;
- Regional councils or groups of general-purpose units of local government.

Administrative Cost Prohibitions

The Brownfields Law prohibits the use of “any part of a grant or loan” for payment of an administrative cost but does allow its use toward specified programmatic costs. Applicants and recipients should read Appendix 2 of EPA’s Brownfields Grant Proposal Guidelines for the official discussion of this issue.

Cost Share Requirements for Cleanup and Revolving Loan Fund Grants

Cleanup and Revolving Loan Fund Grants require a 20% cost share, which may be in the form of a contribution of money, labor, material, or services, and must be in the form of eligible and allowable costs. Applicants may request a waiver of the 20% cost share based on hardship.

Job Training Grant Program

Job Training Proposal Guidelines are on the Web but are separate from other guidelines; interested parties are encouraged to contact EPA. For more information contact Laura Caparoso at (206) 553-6378.

| Grant Program | Funding | Eligible Activities |
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| Assessment | Up to \$200,000 for hazardous substance sites and/or up to \$200,000 for petroleum sites; may request waivers up to \$350,000. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inventory characterize, assess and conduct planning related to one or more Brownfield sites; • 10% may be used to develop local government site-remediation program; • Portion of grant may be used to purchase insurance for the assessment of site(s). |
| Cleanup | Up to \$200,000 per site; may apply for up to 5 sites. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perform, manage, inform the public about, verify, and document cleanup of site(s) owned by applicant; • Portion may be used to buy insurance. |
| Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund | Up to \$1,000,000 per eligible entity to capitalize a revolving loan fund. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capitalize and manage loan fund; • Make loans to other eligible entities, non-profits, private site owners or developers. • Make sub-grants to an eligible entity or non-profit to clean up a site they own [up to 40% of funds can be sub-granted]. |
| Job Training | Grants of up to \$200,000 per eligible entity. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training, research, technical assistance to individuals and organizations to facilitate assessment or cleanup of contaminated sites. |